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### **3.5.1 Applicability**

The policies prescribed in this section are applicable to all contracts involving intellectual property issues.

### **3.5.2 Policy**

Patents, copyrights, and other rights in data are valuable intellectual property. The FAA acquires patents, copyrights, and other rights in data as necessary to:

- ☐ Enhance the competitive process;
  - ☐ Ensure the ability to use, maintain, repair, and modify products procured under FAA contracts;
  - ☐ Recoup development costs of, and fund improvements in, products and equipment;
  - ☐ Develop products for FAA and public use; and
  - ☐ Protect its position in the competitive marketplace.
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